

by the Commandant in time of war or a national emergency; and

(D) to hold the Government harmless for any claims arising from exposure to hazardous materials, including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), after conveyance of the vessel, except for claims arising from use of the vessel by the Government under subparagraph (C);

(2) to have funds available that will be committed to operate and maintain the vessel conveyed in good working condition—

(A) in the form of cash, liquid assets, or a written loan commitment; and

(B) in an amount of at least \$700,000; and

(3) to agree to any other conditions the Commandant considers appropriate.

(d) **MAINTENANCE AND DELIVERY OF VESSEL.**—Prior to conveyance of a vessel under this section, the Commandant may, to the extent practical, and subject to other Coast Guard mission requirements, make every effort to maintain the integrity of the vessel and its equipment until the time of delivery. The Commandant shall deliver a vessel conveyed under this section at the place where the vessel is located, in its present condition, and without cost to the Government. The conveyance of a vessel under this section shall not be considered a distribution in commerce for purposes of section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2605(e)).

(e) **OTHER EXCESS EQUIPMENT.**—The Commandant may convey to the recipient of a vessel under this section any excess equipment or parts from other decommissioned Coast Guard vessels for use to enhance the vessel's operability and function as an historical display.

#### SEC. 404. KOSS COVE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or existing policy, the cove described in subsection (b) shall be known and designated as "Koss Cove", in honor of the late Able Bodied Seaman Eric Steiner Koss of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessel RAINIER who died in the performance of a nautical charting mission off the coast of Alaska.

(b) **COVE DESCRIBED.**—The cove referred to in subsection (a) is—

(1) adjacent to and southeast of Point Elrington, Alaska, and forms a portion of the southern coast of Elrington Island;

(2)  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile across the mouth;

(3) centered at 59 degrees 56.1 minutes North, 148 degrees 14 minutes West; and

(4) 45 miles from Seward, Alaska.

(c) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to the cove described in subsection (b) is deemed to be a reference to Koss Cove.

#### SEC. 405. DECLARATION OF NON-NAVIGABILITY FOR PORTION OF THE WATEREE RIVER.

For purposes of bridge administration, the portion of the Wateree River, in the State of South Carolina, 100 feet upstream and downstream of the railroad bridge at approximately mile marker 10.0, is declared to not be navigable waters of the United States for purposes of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C. 525 et seq.).

#### SEC. 406. CORRECTION OF 2002 COASTWISE TRADE AUTHORIZATION PROVISION.

Section 213(b) of the Maritime Policy Improvement Act of 2002 is amended by striking "transport and launch" and inserting "transport or launch".

#### SEC. 407. INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATIVES.

The Commandant of the Coast Guard may consult with the Office of Naval Research and other Federal agencies with research and development programs that may provide in-

novative construction alternatives for the Integrated Deepwater System.

#### SEC. 408. BRIDGE ADMINISTRATION.

Section 325(b) of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1983 (Pub. L. 97-369; 96 Stat. 1765) is amended by striking "provides at least thirty feet of vertical clearance Columbia River datum and at least eighty feet of horizontal clearance, as" and inserting "is so".

#### SEC. 409. NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

##### "§ 98. National Coast Guard Museum

"(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Commandant of the Coast Guard may establish a new National Coast Guard Museum on Federal lands administered by the Coast Guard at a location specified by the Commandant.

"(b) **FUNDING.**—The National Coast Guard Museum should be supported with nonappropriated Federal funds or nonfederal funds to the maximum extent practicable and that the priority for appropriated funds should be to preserve and protect historic Coast Guard artifacts and to promote the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

"(c) **LOCATION.**—The National Coast Guard Museum may be located at, or in close proximity to, the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut or at a location with a comparable historic connection to the Coast Guard that will similarly enhance the public's knowledge and appreciation of the Coast Guard's maritime history.

"(d) **FUNDING PLAN.**—Before the date on which the Commandant establishes a museum under subsection (a), the Commandant shall provide to the Committees on Commerce of the Senate and on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a plan for constructing, operating and maintaining such a museum, including—

"(1) estimated planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, and maintenance costs;

"(2) the extent to which appropriated, nonappropriated, and nonfederal funds would be used for such purposes; and

"(3) a certification by the Inspector General of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating that the estimates provided pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) are reasonable and realistic."

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The chapter analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 98. National Coast Guard Museum."

**SA 2955.** Mr. ALEXANDER (for Mr. McCain) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read A Bill To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the National Park Service concessions program, including implementation of the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Sarah Creachbaum at (202) 224-6293.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 30, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive testimony on the Second Interim Report of the Iraq Survey Group.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 2 p.m., to conduct a vote on the nomination of the Honorable Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and to conduct a markup of S. 2238, "The Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. on the nominations of Theodore W. Kassinger, to be Deputy Secretary of DOT, Deborah Hersman to be a Member of the NTSB, Thomas Moore to be a Commissioner of the CPSC, Joseph Brennan, to be a Commissioner of the FMC, Paul Anderson to be a Commissioner of the FMC, and Jack McGregor to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, in SR253.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on